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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., October 28, 1903.

Upon the application of Elizabeth Marim, Administratrix of Richard S Marim, late of Blackbird Hd. in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in The Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

{SEAL} Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the twenty-eighth day of Oct., A. D., 1903, and all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administratrix, on or before the twenty-eighth day of Oct, 1904, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELIZABETH MARIM, Administratrix.
Address Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-law, Middletown, Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., Sep. 14, 1903.

Upon the application of Elizabeth Somers and William E. Somers, Junior, Executors of Benjamin F. Lippincott, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

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FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the 14th day of September, A. D 1903, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executors, on or before the 14th day of September, 1904, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELIZABETH SOMERS,
WILLIAM E. SOMERS, JR.,
Executors.

Address, Francis C. Adler, Esq.,
722 Bourse Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., November 20th, 1903.

Upon the application of Hannah R. Jones and James R. Hoffecker, Executors of Marcellus Jones, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most pubic places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del. and to be continued therein two months

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FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the twentieth day of November, A. D. 1903, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the said Executors on or before the twentieth day of November 1904, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

HANNAH R. JONES,
JAMES R. HOFFECKER,
Executors.

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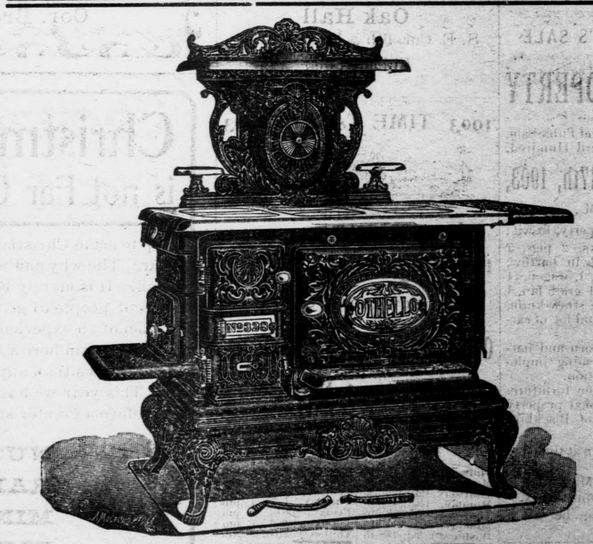

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DELAWARE NOTES

Townsend is to have a choral society.

Milford Masons will probably erect a Masonic Temple in that town.

Lewes' new shirt factory will be ready for work soon after New Year.

Five deaths from diphtheria were reported in Wilmington last week.

The doll sale held by the Junior Board of the Homœpathic Hospital, of Wilmington, netted $600.

A large revival is going on in Port Penn Methodist Episcopal Church, 20 conversions being reported.

William G. Abbot of Milford, has contracted to build a four-masted schooner for New York parties to cost $30,000.

Cold weather has interferred with work on the streets of Wilmington and the city departments have dropped over 200 men.

Wilmington companies of the National Guard were inspected Monday evening by Colonel A. F. Matlack, of the Governor's staff.

Owing to the dullness of the steel market part of the plant of the Diamond State Steel Company has been closed indefinitely.

In County Court Monday $1250 damages were awarded W. B. Jarrell for injuries his wife received by being struck by an awning.

Fourteen-year-old John Douglass, of Grubb's Landing, was run over by a stone car Tuesday and his left foot had to be amputated.

Policemen accompany paymasters of Ryan & Kelly, the contractors, in paying off the army of workmen employed by them around Wilmington.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has applied to Judge Spruance for a commission to condemn the West street crossing, Wilmington, for the new elevated structure.

One of Wilmington's oldest hostelries, the Pennsylvania Hotel, has been acquired by the Pennsylvania Railroad and will be torn down to make way for the elevated tracking.

Residents of the lower part of the State are demanding that a mail clerk again be placed on the early morning train, and Delaware Senators are expected to have the old arrangement restored.

Because of the refusal of the postal authorities at Washington to furnish additional carriers for Wilmington, about a ton of second and third-class matter is piled up in that office, with no prospect of its being distributed.

The new electric sleeping car, Theodore, has been finished by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company for the Holland Car Company, of Indianapolis, and will be shipped on Thursday. It is the first electric sleeping car ever constructed.

In New Castle County Court Tuesday James H. Marshall was awarded $30 damages against Constable Frank Cleaver, of Delaware City, for false arrest. Marshall had been talking to Cleaver's daughter and later was arrested by the constable and roughly handled.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company Will Issue Clerical Orders for 1904

Pursuant to its usual custom, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will issue clerical orders for the year 1904 to ordained clergymen having regular charge of churches located on or near its lines. Clergymen desiring such orders should make individual application for same on blanks furnished by the Company through its Agents. Applications should be sent to the General Office of the Company as soon as possible, in no case later than December 19, so that orders may be mailed by December 31 to all clergymen entitled to receive them.

REBUILDING GREENWOOD

Residents of Wrecked Town Alarmed by Fire

INJURED ARE DOING WELL

GREENWOOD, [illegible]—After a week of sore distress the [illegible] stricken little town are seeing relief as the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has commenced to rebuild the damaged houses. A force of thirty glaziers began the work of replacing the shattered windows yesterday as it was deemed advisable to make the most urgent repairs first. All windows in the post office and other buildings were nailed up and coal oil lamps were used for heating purposes. It is understood that a force of two hundred carpenters will be here in a few days to rebuild the wrecked houses of the inhabitants of this town. There were no church services on Sunday and there is no place in which to hold sessions of the public school.

To add to the seriousness of the situation there were several small fires here yesterday.

The first alarm occurred shortly after midnight, when it was discovered that the home of John Wulley was aflame from a blazing chimney. A high wind was blowing, and it was evident to the townspeople that the whole place would go unless the flames were immediately checked. The fire burned fiercely and spread rapidly, but a hundred hands conquered it and left a portion of Mr. Wulley's home standing.

Soon after daybreak another fire broke out, and the residents made up their minds that all the chimneys of the wrecked town were in such a treacherous condition that they would be better off if no fires were started in the town limits and that their meals be cooked on oil stoves. Increasing cold, however, soon changed their minds, and at noon a score of homes were heated, as best circumstances would permit, by wood or coal fires.

At 1 o'clock another serious fire broke out in a high wind, and started as though the town would be devoured by angry flames. The house of Thomas Hitch was discovered to be in flames, also around his chimney. Another bucket brigade was formed, and this fire was gotten under control in twenty minutes, but not before the 600 inhabitants had again been brought into the streets terror-stricken and crying.

Some of those who have become disheartened by the condition of affairs removed to the country.

The hospital list has dwindled to less than a dozen persons, and these are all improving, although still confined to bed. Dr. C. W. Ammerman said to-day that the most serious phase in relative to the injured was that many of them are suffering from eye cuts, which may destroy their sight. To meet this emergency the railroad authorities have designated an hour to-morrow when all those suffering from injured eyesight may be treated by an eye specialist. Dr. Ammerman has been notified that Dr. J. E. Ellegood, the Wilmington expert, has been secured.

Those whose eyes are in danger are Mrs. Lillie Saulsbury, Mrs. Addie M. Jones, Mrs. Maggie Collison, Mrs. Cleota Cox and John H. Hitch. Postmaster Jacob L. Housman is still suffering greatly from an injured spine, his heavy mail cabinet having been hurled down upon him while he was writing at his desk. He is able to sit up in the post office, but cannot do any work.

The child of John Anderson, whose entire body was badly lacerated, was today removed to the residence of its grandparents, near Viola, still in a serious condition. The daughter of Charles Mai, who lives three miles west of Greenwood, is still suffering from the serious injuries she received while in the Greenwood Grammar School building, but it is thought that she will recover.

WOODLAND HAS SMALLPOX

Unable to work and shunned by the whole countryside, the little smallpox ridden town of Woodland near the border line between Delaware and Maryland is completely isolated and great suffering exists there.

It is said that every house in the little hamlet has one or more inmates down with the loathful disease and many are dying from lack of attention and some from starvation. In all the pulpits of Sussex county churches appeals for the sufferers were read on Sunday and help from every town near-by is being given.

The condition of the sufferers was not known to be desperate until a few days ago. A strick quarantine has been kept upon the village and no one knew the exact condition prevailing among the sufferers until notices were posted about the towns asking for aid, and the different Boards of Health were appealed to in their behalf.

For two months the disease has been gaining headway and all the time the store of food was growing less. Pride kept the people, many of whom are among the oldest families of the Eastern Shore, from seeking aid, but the conditions finally became so terrible that the only hope of keeping those who are still alive from starvation was to appeal for outside help.

Nurses and medicine are needed. Those who are not stricken down are so overworked attending their unfortunate neighbors and in need of food that they are literally worn out.

All over Sussex county an effort is being made to send help to the sufferers. Collectors are being taken. Clothing and food were secured in some instances and volunteers have offered their services to nurse the patients.

The conditions there beggar description. Death after death has occurred, but it is looked upon in many cases as a release from the suffering and gladly welcomed.

The funerals are the most pathetic of all. Placed in a rude wooden box with no following mourners or religious rites the dead bodies are lowered into holes,

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Kettles may be thoroughly cleansed by boiling a few potato peelings in them.

Never put table linen that is fruit-stained into hot soapsuds; this sets and fixes the stains.

To light a fire—Dry orange peel slowly in an oven and use instead of chips; it makes an excellent fire.

Sweet oil and putty powder, followed by soap and water, are all that could be desired to clean brass and copper.

Silver that has become very discolored may be cleaned by rubbing with a little prepared chalk mixed to a paste with sweet oil.

Rubbing with a cloth dipped in paraffine will not only clean, but also greatly improve the appearance of a shabby black iron bedstead.

When baking pies or tarts don't stand them on the top of the hot stove after they are done, as that makes the pastry soft and sodden.

It is said that windows washed in water to which a little blueing is added will show a fine brillance and keep fresh longer than when washed in the usual manner.

Silk stockings, colored or black, should never be washed with soap. Warm bran water should be used and the stockings should be squeezed, not wrung, and dried in the shade.

When you are ironing any dark material do not put a linen cloth underneath, as the lint will come off on to the stuff, and you will have great difficulty in brushing it off again.

Grass stains on white material should be rubbed with spirits of wine before being touched with soap and water. If this precaution be taken they will easily come out when the garment is washed.

Air your cellars at night when it is possible. Close them at nine in the morning and they will be cool and dry the entire summer. Exceptions to this rule are on windy days. Keep the cellar perfectly clean and fresh.

Avoid filling kettles in the morning with the first water that comes from the tap, for it has been in a lead or iron pipe all night, and is, therefore, unwholesome. This caution is to be remembered if the water is to be boiled or not.

Mildew is one of the most difficult of all stains to remove. Rub well with brown soap, then apply a paste of chalk and water and put the stained article in the hot sunshine. After two or three applications the mildew may be bleached.

To obtain a gloss equal to new on white silk handkerchiefs, after washing them and well rinsing, put them into water containing a little methylated spirit—one teaspoonful of the spirit to a pint of water, and then iron. A beautiful gloss will be obtained.

To sew a button on any material, lay a pin crossways over the holes. Sew over the pin from side to side with strong thread; then remove the pin, and the button will give slightly. Wind the thread a few times round under the button and finish it off.

Silver in daily use may be kept very bright if allowed to soak in strong borax water for four or five hours occasionally. The water should be perfectly boiling when it is poured over the plate. This simple hint will save much elbow grease, and also plate powder, if carefully followed.

Leaves and flowers can be preserved for several months by dipping them as soon as gathered in perfectly limpid gum water. After allowing them to drain for two or three minutes, arrange them in a vase, and the gum forms a complete coating on the stems and petals, and preserves their shape and color long after they have become dry.

Brass on bedsteads should never be cleaned with the ordinary brass polishes, as they destroy the coat of lacquer that is put on to prevent the brass from tarnishing. The parts should be rubbed every day with a soft cloth, and if they begin to look discolored rub with a cloth moistened with sweet oil, and afterward polish with a soft cloth and chamois leather.

MARYLAND NOTES

The laundry of Wang Lee, in Elkton, was burglarized Sunday night and $17 in money stolen.

A new bank is shortly to be established at Darlington by one of the Baltimore trust companies.

The corner-stone of Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church was laid at Greensboro Sunday with appropriate ceremonies.

The bazar held by the women of Elkton, which closed Saturday night, netted about $500 for the Union Hospital, of Elkton.

Republicans Tuesday organized the Board of County Commissioners at Elkton and will control affairs of that office for the next two years.

Rev. R. W. Todd pastor of Woodlawn M. E. Church, and one of the oldest members of the Wilmington Conference in point of service, has resigned his charge on occount of poor health.

State Fire Marshal R. M. Price, who has been investigating several mysterious fires in Kent County, has ordered the arrest of a 10-year-old colored girl, charged with burning the outbuildings of John P. Vandyke.

Washington College students, arrested at Chestertown, charged with hazing young Eariskon, of Kent Island, waived a hearing before Justice France on Saturday, and the case will be heard at the April term of the Kent County Circuit Court.

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NATURALIZATION REFORM

The recommendation of Attorney General Knox that the power to issue certificates of naturalization now resting in the several State Courts be withdrawn and confined to the United States Courts is one that appeals to all good citizens as worthy of prompt adoption. There is a strong disposition and sentiment in Congress in favor of placing a check on the certain classes of immigration, as is evi[illegible] by attempts of the past [illegible] years, not all of which have been successful. The steamships leaving this side lately have been forced to refuse, for lack of accommodations, hundreds of passengers, who came over here in the Spring and are now bound to Southern Europe to spend the winter on their earnings, expecting to return next Spring. In the heat of a political campaign thousands of this class are, through the machinations of zealous party workers, granted papers of citizenship, although they have no conception of the duties devolving upon them and no real interest in the state or country of their temporary abode. On public works, where the highest wages are paid, it is usually a requisite that the laborers be citizens of the United States. This adds a personal interest to the one begotten through politics.

Wholesale and easy naturalization by a great number of courts promotes this evil as is proven by the recent trials in the United States Court for the District of Delaware, even the national Courts are not free from frauds. Our Delaware Courts have been remarkably free from cases of this kind, due to the care shown by our Judges and their officers. In other States where Judges are elected for a comparatively short term and owe their election and a possible re-nomination to the politicians, the abuse is bound to be found. The United States Judges, appointed by the President and holding office for life or during good behavior are free at least from such obligations to the bosses. They are also loath to move hastily or to do things by wholesale.

This whole matter should be overhauled by Congress and the making of an alieu into a citizen of this Republic be confined to the Federal Courts and the requirements and eligibilities be strictly and fully defined.

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO GIVE PLEDGES

It is a significant as well as an interesting story that Mr. Walter Wellman, the Washington correspondent of *The Philadelphia Press* sends to his paper. In brief, it is that an agent of certain large firms of Wall street, (and Mr. Wellman gives the names of the firms) approached the President with a distinct proposition that if he would give assurances that the trusts would be treated kindly and gently in his second term, all opposition to his re-nomination and election from that source would cease. All who know of Mr. Roosevelt's blunt honesty and directness of manner can readily believe that his answer was straight and to the point. It was that he was not going out with a club in his hand to smash every combination which bore the name of a trust. But wherever he saw a flagrant violation of the law and of public policy, such as he believed existed in the Northern Securities affair he meant to hit it. He was not willing to bind himself to do anything or to abstain from doing anything. "And finally" said the President, "as to pledges not to upset the business prosperity of the country, if any such pledges are necessary as a condition to my re-election, I am not fit to be re-elected at all. I decline to give any pledges."

As a consequence of this refusal a campaign has been inaugurated by the vast monetary, interests involved to defeat the re-nomination of the President. This campaign is bound to fail for many reasons. Two alone are sufficient. Mr. Roosevelt already has practically a majority of the delegate to the National Convention pledged to his support, and the opposition has been and will be unable to centre on a candidate who would care to butt his head against a stone wall.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Mr. A. J. Cleaver spent one day this week in Wilmington.

Miss Eva Dean spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Elkton.

Miss Helen Ellison, of Wards Hill, is spending Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. J. Weir, of Wilmington, is spending Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boulden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rothwell, of Kenton, spent part of this week with Mrs. A. B. Berry.

Mr. Harry Bolton, of Middletown, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bolton.

Miss Mary Weir, of Wilmington, is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Boulden.

Miss Myrtle Templeman, teacher of Cayots Corner school, assisted by her scholars held a festival in the school house on Tuesday night. It was well attended and quite a success. Proceeds for the benefit of the school.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale, on the "James McMullen Farm," on the road leading from Glasgow to Porters station,

Monday, Dec. 21, 1903.

At 10.30 o'clock, A. M.,

The following Personal Property, to-wit:

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No. 4—Goldust, sorrel colt, 3 years old, broken to all harness and a first-class driver.

No. 5—Bell, bay mare, 15 years old, good work mare in all harness.

No. 6—May, bay mare, 10 years old and in foal, good work mare in all harness.

No. 7—Flora, brown mare, 12 years old. This is a splendid work mare in all harness.

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Christmas Gifts
---for---
Everyone

Those who visited our store the past week were most liberal in their praises of the elaborate stock we have prepared for Christmas shoppers.

The goods are arranged so that your shopping may be made comfortable. Toys, Dolls, Games, Express Wagons, Sleds. You will find these goods in our basement. New entrance, No. 9 East Third Street, direct to Toy Department.

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PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY!

The undersigned will sell at public sale without reserve, on the "Wilson Vandegrift Farm," on the road leading from McDonough to Port Penn,

Wednesday, Dec. 23, '03

At 10 o'clock, A. M., Sharp,

The following Personal Property, to-wit:

15 HEAD OF HORSES, MULES, COLTS

No. 1—Bertie, brown mare, 8 years old, 16 hands high, sound, will work anywhere. This is a fine road mare, no better family mare or ladies driver can be found.

No. 2—Schley Sanburn, 4 years old, 15¾ hands high, sound and a No. 1 road horse and will work anywhere; anyone wanting a good road horse should look him over. His breeding will be given on day of sale.

No. 3—John, bay horse, 13 years old, 17 hands high, an excellent all round horse.

No. 4—Billy, grey horse, 13 years old, good work horse anywhere and fair driver.

No. 5—Dick, black horse, 6 years old, 15½ hands high, sound and a good work horse anywhere and a good driver.

No. 6—Cedar, bay horse, 12 years old, 15½ hands high, good work horse and you cannot hook him wrong.

No. 7—Gypsie, black mare, 9 years old, 15½ hands high, sound, in foal to Cochran's famous pacer, good worker and fine driver.

No. 8—Kate, grey mare, 10 years old, 16 hands high, good work mare and in foal to Belle Rocker. This is a good brood mare.

No. 9—Dewey, brown horse, 4 years old sired by Dan Murphey. This is a good road horse and afraid of nothing.

No. 10—Alcan, black horse, 8 years old, 16 hands high and sound. This is one of the greatest road horses in the country; no road too long, and as a road horse he stands at the head of his class. He is recognized by all men who know him as the king of road horses, and if you want a road horse look him over.

No. 11—Walter Sanbourn, black colt, 2 years old, sired by Sanbourn, dam May Pleasanton. This colt has been driven some and can go fast. Steps a three minute clip now without training. Pedigree on day of sale.

No. 12—May, black colt, 7 months old, sired by Cochran's black pacer, dam No. 7. This promises to make something very fast, as she can pace as fast as any colt you ever saw for its age.

No. 13—Joe, bay colt, 7 months old, sired by Bradford's horse, dam No. 8. This is a very promising colt.

Nos. 14 and 15—Daisy and Kit, pair dark brown mules 4 years old, 15½ hands high, fine team of mules, nicely mated and as quick as you can find and will work any place you put them, money will not buy a better team of mules. You want to see them.

24 Head Cattle

15 head of which are milch cows. These are all young cows and selected from some of the finest cows I had. I raised the most of them myself and all of them are milking now. Some have calves by their side, others springing.

6 heifers, coming 2 years old; 3 Durhams, 1 Holstein and 2 Guernseys. These heifers are very near thoroughbreds.

3 bulls—Two Holsteins coming 1 and 2 years old, and 1 Durham, coming 2 years old. These are fine bred bulls and good size.

26 HEAD OF GOOD SHEEP

Twenty-five head of fine ewes. The most of them were home raised. They are good size and fine sucklers.

One Thoroughbred South Down BUCK, Lockwood stock.

One Sow and Pigs. This is an excellent Brood Sow. Pigs will be 3 weeks old day of sale.

Eight Tons Timothy and 3 Tons Millet Hay by the ton.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Three farm wagons, two new last Spring and the other in good order; 1 milk dearborn, new last Spring; 1 spindle wagon, new last Spring; 2 binders, 1 Champion 7 ft. cut, new last Spring; 1 McCormick, cut three crops; 1 McCormick mower, new; 1 Champion self-dump rake, new; 1 Bickford & Huffman grain drill, in good order; 1 sulky cultivator, 4 hand cultivators, 2 No. 40 Oliver plows, 2 South Bend plows and 1 one-horse Oliver, all new; 1 Osborne spring tooth harrow, 1 twin harrow, new last Spring; 1 Osborne rangle harrow, new; 1 Tiger corn planter, new; 1 grindstone, new; 1 wheelbarrow, 1 slop cart, 1 cutter sleigh, new with bells; 3 new hay riggins, 3 hedge knives, 8 corn knives, 2 spades, 1 barn shovel, 1 long handle shovel, 3 sets wagon harness, new; 10 sets plow harness, new last Spring; 1 set dearborn harness, 1 set single carriage harness, 10 bridles, 10 collars, lot of halters, single, double and three-horse trees, 4 short handle forks and 5 long handle forks.

Also one-half interest in 97 acres of wheat in the ground.

TERMS OF SALE.

On all sums of $20 and under, Cash; on sums over that amount a credit of Twelve Months will be given by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added from day of sale. Positively no goods to be removed until the terms are complied with.

WALTER H. SHRIVER.
JOS. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
CLARENCE E. POOL, Inside Clerk.
JULIAN G. CLEAVER, JR., Outside Clerk.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned will sell at Pubic Sale, at her residence in Blackbird Hundred,

On Thursday, DEC. 17th, 1903,

at 1 o'clock, P. M.,

The following Personal Property, to-wit:

Two horses, 1 colt, 3 cows, 2 pigs, 1 Disc harrow, 1 mower, 1 Twin harrow, 1 horse rake, 1 hay rigging, 1 wagon, 1 grain drill, 1 corn sheller, 1 grain fan, 1 cutting box, 1 grindstone, 1 straw knife, 1 york carriage, tool chest and lot of carpenters' tools.

Robe and blankets, dearborn and harness, plows and other farming implements too numerous to mention.

One cook stove and kitchen furniture.

The same being the personal property of Richard S. Marim, late of Blackbird Hundred, deceased.

Terms will be made known at time and place of sale by

ELIZABETH MARIM,
Administratrix,

or by MARTIN B. BURRIS, Esq., her Att'y.
B. V. Weldon, Auctioneer.

Dancing Classes!

You and your friends are invited to join the Dancing Classes being formed to be held at the Century Club Rooms, Middletown, Del.

ADULTS CLASS, FRIDAY EVENINGS from 8 to 10.

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Special attention will be given to children in Fancy Dancing. For terms and further information.

Apply to MRS. GEORGE JANVIER, Middletown, Del.

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Useful Christmas Gifts

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Kid Gloves
Golf Gloves
Ladies' Golf Vests
Ladies' Sweaters
Fancy Silk Guarters
Dress Suit Cases
Traveling Bags
Telescopes
Pocketboods and Purses
Wrist Bags
Men's Fancy Neckwear
Silk Suspenders
Men's Sweaters
Knit Jackets
Mackintoshes
Rain Coats
Rubber Coats
Smoking Jackets
Fancy Vests
Bath Robes
Dressing Gowns
Pajamas
Plush and Corduroy Caps
Polo and Skating Caps
Tam o' Shanters
Jewelry
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Sterling Table Novelties
Quadruple Plated Silver Sets
Rogers Silverware
Cut Glass Mirrors
Perfumery
Fancy Toilet Goods
Placques With Easels
Fancy Goods
Celluloid Goods
Collar and Cuff Boxes
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NOTICE!

Having accepted the position held by my brother for about 16 years with Wanamaker & Brown, 6th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, I want all of our Delaware friends to visit me when in need of clothing.—Men's, Women's or Boys'. Write for Samples.

J. E. BAKER.
With
Wanamaker & Brown
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Captain HOWARD V. WOODALL,
WILL LEAVE
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Monday, 14th, 4½pm	Friday, 11th, 11 am	
Thursday, 17 h, 6½pm	Tuesday, 15th, 1½pm	
Monday, 21st, 11 am	Friday, 18th, 4 pm	
Wednesd'y, 23d, 11½am	Tuesday, 22d, 7 pm	
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Comfortable accommodations for Passengers. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Saloon and Private Staterooms.

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Grain, Fruit and Stock Freighted at Reasonable Rates.

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For information in regard to Freights apply to

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HOLIDAY TIME

suggests good goods, and good goods suggests good Flour. The busy housewife who prides herself on her cakes and pastries, is concerned only with reaults, and the dealer who sells her a flour likely to prove unsatisfactory will fail to command her patronage in the future. The Baker, likewise, in the midst of a busy season has no

TIME TO BUY

or experiment with a flour, however good, unless he "knows" that the results are going to be satisfactory. He is not only competing with other bakers, anxious to secure trade, but he is competing with the housewife as well, and he knows that he can afford to make only the best. So the knowing ones take no chance and buy

"Evans' Purity"

the flour that is good at all times. It has stood the test of both the baker and housewife, and we guarantee it to stand yours.

EVANS' Exchange Store,

Middletown, - Delaware.

BARIS & FOGEL,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Going Out of Business!

Entire Stock Must be Disposed of by the

1st OF JANUARY, 1904.

Prices Slaughtered. Goods Sacrificed.

As we have decided to discontinue business and the time is very short for the date mentioned above, prices will be no consideration.

Our entire up-to-date stock of Furniture, Carpets, Mattings, Oil Cloth and Household Goods. Also a full line of this winter's styles Men's, Young Men's and Boys' Clothing and Ladies' Coats, Skirts, Waists, Suits, Petticoats, etc., will be sold below cost. Store for rent from January 1st, 1909, until March 25th, next. No reasonable offer refused. Fixtures for sale. Also 1 fine driving Horse, 1 Buggy, 1 Businees Wagon and 2 sets of Harness. The people of this vicinity know that our Stock is all New and up-to-date, as we have only been in business one year.

BARIS & FOGEL,

Cor. Broad and Main Sts.

Christmas is not Far Off!

WE REALIZE IT, and are busy as bees getting ready for the crowds of shoppers, who will visit this store and buy plentiful supplies of the good things that help to make Christmas time the merriest time of all the year. The why and wherefore of their coming is no secret at all. It is merely because of the fact that our trade consists of people of good, sound sense, who have realized by reason of an experience of several years standing, that there is to be found here a large assortment of first-class goods at lower prices than any where else.

This year we have put forth a special effort, and have therefore a greater supply of

NUTS, CANDIES,
RAISINS, FRUITS,
MINCE MEAT,
PLUMB PUDDING

and other good things for you to choose from than ever before. It will pay you to watch for our special ad. and circular next week, when we will quote to you rock bottom prices on all our goods.

H. C. DEVALINGER,

Middletown, - - Delaware.

MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS

$7.50 to $45

All-wool, silk-sewed, well-tailored Overcoats.

The run on black and dark Oxford Mixtures is very heavy. These colors never go out of style.

Belted Overcoats in fancy effects, for young men. It keeps our big manufacturing plant busy keeping up sizes.

Remember, Oak Hall Overcoats fit.

Boys' Good Clothing

The average boy is real flesh and blood—he'll find out more quickly than anyone else whether his clothing is sturdily or poorly put together.

Who says sturdily built clothing cannot carry beauty and originality? When you don't find all three in clothing for Boys, you have struck the wrong store.

We have several designers who are planning constantly for Boys' clothing. You'll say they know their business when you see the stock.

Boys' Double-breasted Sack Suits (knee pants) in Fancy Mixtures, Blue and Black Cheviots—$3.50 to $10.

Boys' All-Wool Blue Cheviot Sack Suits at $3.50. This is a triumphant feat in good tailoring for little money. Extra trousers, $1.00.

Boys' Norfolk Suits. What's a Norfolk Suit good for, if it don't fit?—$5.00 to $7.50.

Boys' Sailor Suits in Blue Cheviots and Winter Serge—$4.00 to $7.50.

Boys' Double-breasted Sailor Suits, Eton collar and detachable white linen collar, some with Bloomer trousers—$5.00 to $7.50.

Carfare to Philadelphia

If you purchase a certain amount here and show your return ticket, we pay your carfare both ways.

Wanamaker & Brown

OAK HALL,
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BURSTAN'S

Popular Corner Store.

A Plain Talk to Farmers and others who wear Boots.

We want to tell you about the Sterling Calf Boot, th best fine boot in the world for rough wear, this boot is side lined, has single sole leather counters and is warranted all solid leather. This boot can only be had at Burstan's. The regular price of this boot is $3.50, our special introductory price is $3.25.

This is what Mr. J. G. Cleaver, Middletown, Del., says about this boot, "Sterling Calf is the best boot I ever wore. I have been wearing this boot for the last four or five years. I have tried other boots and have had them made but never had any to give me as much satisfaction as Sterling Calf, that is why I recommend them to all my farmer friends. Try th-s boot and you certainly will be satisfied." J. G. CLEAVER, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

"Our Drummer," a fine French Calf Skin Boot, this boot made expressly for us, is full lined, this is a sewed boot and we recommend to all wishing a good soft boot for light wear. Our special price $3.25.

Come see our other Boots at $2.50, $2.00 and $1.50

First quality Rubber Boots at $2.50 and $2.75.

BURSTAN'S CORNER STORE,
Cor. Broad and Main Sts., Middletown, Del.

ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY

Corner Main and Cass Streets.

We wish to make it known to all of our patrons that our line of Xmas goods are here, and we think the best to be found in the county anywhere. Can't say the cheapest, because the best is always a little more at first cost, but less in the end.

Be sure to call and see our goods. Our grocery line is complete. Our poultry line will be by Xmas. You can't make good cooking without good lard, we have the LARD, and in fact everything that will be needed to make a Xmas dinner complete.

After that comes a little music. If you want all kinds of music come and purchase a

VICTOR TALKING MACHINE — SINGS EVERYTHING—PLAYS EVERYTHING JUST LIKE THE ORIGINAL.

You can hear this machine any time at all by calling at our Store. People who want good music can get it with a Victor. Some people say you can't get any good music out of a talking machine. I can prove to anyone's satisfaction that you can get the very best music from them.

You can purchase them on monthly Installments or for Cash.

Prices from $15.00 to $50.00.

☞GIVE US A CALL.

A Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to all.

Yours Respectfully,
ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY.

The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; 4.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.49, 8.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m.; 3.56, 4.14 and 7 5p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m , 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 12, 1903.

Local News.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

For a Xmas gift buy a Watterman Fountain Pen S. E. MASSEY.

All our millinery stock reduced to half price. We have a nice line of trimmed hats at a great bargain.
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F INGRAM'S.

Dressed Dolls and Toys, at
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR SALE or RENT.—The property of Mrs. H. R. Jones on South Broad street. Apply to J. R. HOFFECKER.

A very attractive display of choice Xmas goods are to be found at Pearson's Pharmacy.

WANTED.—Country butter, good fresh eggs and poultry of all kinds.
ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY.

Large stock of Misses' and Children's Coats to go at half price. Call and see them. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The returns of the Department of Agricultural indicates a corn crop this year of 2,313,000,000 bushels—the largest ever known except that of 1901.

For Jewelry go to S. E. MASSEY'S

Mr. O. M. Matthews has just completed painting St. Joseph's R. C. Church on West Cochran street.

LADIES SUITS.—We can show a fine assortment of good Cloth, prettily trimmed. Latest style from $5 up.
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

It is rumored that the Delaware railroad will put on two Sunday train within a short time. This improvement in our transportation facilities will be appreciated by the general public."—Ex.

Farmers are advised to keep a lookout for a nicely dressed plausible young fellow who is calling on them in some localities, and asking for a written permission to hunt upon their lands. The written permissions turn out to be promisory notes.

For suitable Xmas gifts we suggest some of the following: Watches, Chains, Cut Glass, Silverware for table use, Rings, Brooches, Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons and Napking Rings,
S. E. MASSEY.

We make a specialty of Children's ready-made wear, and now have a fine stock made up. Can save you money. Call and look through our stock.
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The next entertainment in the Star Course under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church will be a Grand Stereopticon with motion pictures by The Lincolns, at the Opera House, Thursday, December 31st, New Year's Eve.

Christmas tide is approaching and we remind our advertisers that it is time to call attention to the novelties they will have on hand to sell. Christmas advertisements are now in order. Remember that people will not know what you have unless you tell them about it.

Our line of stoves this season surpass all of our former efforts since we entered the store business, and the prices are right. If you are going to need anything in the stove line we can interest you. All kinds and makes.
J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

An editor desiring the news asked a man to write from his neighborhood and got this reply: "We have two school marms, the hog cholera, about fifty bushels of potatoes and a tarnal fool who married a cross eyed gal because she had a mule and forty acres of land, and the same is your humble correspondent.

Mr. S. S. Holten has disposed of his farm containing 100 acres, near town, for a consideration of $6,500. Mr. George B. W. Rhoades is the purchaser, and can well feel proud of his farm, as it is considered one of the finest little farms in this section. Mr. Rhoades will remain where he now resides, and rent the Holten farm.

STOCK FOR SALE AND FARM FOR RENT.—Having decided to discontinue farming on the "R. Albin Cochran Farm," I will dispose of the stock and rent the farm to a responsible man. The renter must purchase the stock now on farm. None but those desiring to purchase the stock need apply. C. M. COCHRAN,
Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 3d: Mrs. Verme Blansfield, care of J. W. Start, Mrs Mary Dilbert, Mrs. Emma Gullman, Mrs. Mary Gibbs, Miss Sarah Johnson, Mrs. Susan Price, Miss Lizzie Rogers, Mrs. Hattie Styfield, Miss Carrie White (two), Learison Johnson, Charley Lander.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary $20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago.

Messrs. Baris & Fogel, the local merchants, have decided to discontinue business after January 1st, 1904, and their announcement will be found in this issue. The above named firm opened their doors to the public about 12 months ago, and during the past year, by strict attention to business and their untiring efforts to please their patrons, have made hosts of friends, who will regret to hear of their decision to discontinue business. Mr. Baris will return to New York City, while Mr. Fogel will remain with us and continue in the same line of business.

"Diamonds and Hearts," the comedy-drama to be presented Christmas night is a most pleasing and interesting play. It is a pure moral entertainment, the characters, especially that of "Bub Barnes" who is a diamond in the rough, are particularly good, a trio of fun loving girls, a young doctor and the villianous plotter, with a beautiful picture of sisterly affection, render this play peculiarly attractive.

The following gentlemen have been chosen as officers at the Y. W. C. T. U. reading room for the ensuing year: H. C. DeValinger, President; Albert Suydam, Vice President; James R. Ladd, Secretary; Julian Cleaver, Treasurer. A committee on entertainment was also appointed, and preparations are already under way for a drama, "Diamonds and Hearts" in the Opera House, on Christmas night.

Mrs. Louise Flavilla McCusker, one of the most aged residents of Middletown, died in New Castle Wednesday morning in the 91st year of her age. Mrs. McCusker had made her home with Mrs. V. W. Massey for the past 30 years. She was an aunt of Mrs. Massey and came to Middletown from Philadelphia. In her girlhood days she lived in New Castle, where she had relatives, and with whom she was visiting at the time of her death. Paralysis, together with old age, was the cause of her death. She was a remarkable woman, a devoted christian, and was beloved by all who knew her. Interment was made in Nazareth M. E. Cemetery, New Castle, yesterday afternoon.

The Reading Rooms on North Broad street were opened on Tuesday evening. The preliminary service was held at Bethesda M. E. Church under the auspices of the Y. M. C. T. U. The members of the Y. wore a bow of white ribbon and marched to the auditorium in a body, which was a beautiful sight. The congregation joined in singing "America," after which Dr. F. H. Moore offered prayer. The scripture lesson was read by Miss Catherine VanSant, President of the Y. Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd read one of John B. Gough's temperance addresses and Victor Jones gave a recitation entitled, "Hard Up." Rev. C. T. Wyatt delivered an appropriate address in which he congratulated the ladies upon their work and urged the young men to be loyal to the temperance pledge. Staff Captain Kemp and Captain Heneks, of the Salvation Army were present and cheered us with their singing and words of greeting. At the close of the service, Mrs. Harry DeValinger invited the company to the reading-rooms where an abundance of good thinks had been provided by the ladies. The rooms are neat, cozy and comfortable. The realization of this long cherished hope is to be attributed to the untiring effort of our ladies and young men. The reading rooms have opened under the most favorable auspices and we wish the interprise the largest success.

CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening. Morning text: "The joy of the Lord is our strength." Evening text: "Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch."

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Jesus Christ—His Saving Power." Acts 4:12; Matt. 1:21; 1 Tim. 2:25. Mrs. J. R. Dawson, leader. All are invited.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Forest Presbyterian Church on to-morrow morning. The pastor's class will meet this afternoon at half-past two o'clock, and the Session will meet on to-morrow morning at 10.15 o'clock, to receive those desiring to unite with the church.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "An anti-worry meeting." John 14:1-31. Miss Mary Rothwell, leader.

SASSAFRAS

Mr. William H. Spry one of our most prominent citizens, was stricken with paralysis on Sunday evening, and is now lying in a critical condition. He is a devout member and elder of the Rehoboth M. P. Church.

Mr. William Carroll died last week at his home in Golts, after a lingering illness. He leaves five daughters and three sons to mourn his loss. Mrs. Belch of this town, being a daughter. He was 58 years of age. Interment in Mt. Salem M. P. Cemetery.

Mr. Macomb Clayton formerly of Middletow, but now of Philadelphia, is lying critically ill with little hope of recovery. Mr. Clayton was taken ill about ten days ago and it was found necessary to remove him to the hospital for an operation, and since then he has been gradually growing weaker.

Mrs. John F. Ernest was entertained on Monday by her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkil, of Warwick.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran died on Saturday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. Everything that kind and loving hands and skilled physicians could do was done.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Burris, near Kennedyville.

Miss Alice Dreka entertained Miss Ethel Lofland, of McDonough, from Saturday until Monday.

Our citizens felt the shock of the terrible explosion at Greenwood on Wednesday last.

Rev. R. S. Rowe and wife, of Kennedyville M. P. Church, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary quietly on Sunday last.

Sales to Take Place

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1903.—Administratrix's sale by Elizabeth Marim, in Blackbird Hundred, of Farming Implements, Household Goods, etc. B. V. Weldon, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1903.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, Household Goods, etc., by Penjamin P. Sartin, on the James McMullin Farm, on the road leading from Glasgow to Porters Station. William Smith, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23d.—Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc. by Walter H. Shriver, on the Wilson Vandegrift Farm, 1½ mile West of Port Penn. Joseph M. Armstrong, Auctioneer.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs. John E. Ginn and nephew, Master Delbert Gallagher are visiting friends in the Quaker City.

Mrs. Walter Monro was the guest of relatives and friends in Philadelphia and Camden, N. J., several days this week.

Mrs. William VanSant, of Wilmington, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Green, on North Broad street.

Mr. John Metten, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Metten, on Sunday.

Mrs. William Carey and son, of Wilmington, are being entertained by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McColgan.

Mrs. Harry Jones was a Quaker City visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Nathaniel J. Williams spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, of Townsend, and Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, of Still Pond, Md., spent the day at Bethesda M. E. Parsonage on Tuesday.

WARWICK

Mr. George P. Staats, of Middletown, was in town Wednesday.

Christian Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Miss Hettie Hill, of Locust Grove, was the guest of Miss Daisy D. Day last Sunday.

Messrs. John H. M. Garner and Edward A. Jones were Elkton visitors Monday.

Camp 8, P. O. S, of A, will meet at the lodge room next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Urie P. Ginn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. H. Price last Sunday.

Miss Anna Beckley, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Helen M. Eaton last Sunday.

Mr. Walter Shriver, of near Port Penn, was the guest of Mrs. William K. Lockwood Tuesday.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society will meet for their prayer meeting tomorrow at 2 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Armstrong, of near McDonough, were the guests of Mrs. B. S. Hall last Sunday.

Miss Bessie R. Merritt, of Golts, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elwood Williams, during the past week.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society will give an entertainment and supper in the near future. See posters later.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered by the pastor in the M. P. Church to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn, of "Fair Oaks," and Mrs. D. S. Cannon, of the Quaker City, were the guests of Mrs. Charles R. Manlove, near Middletown, Thursday.

Mr. R. B. Merritt has purchased the Ellendale canning house from the administrators of the late John Ward, his former partner. Mr. Merritt and his son will operate the same next season, when they will can corn and tomatoes.

A patriotic order has been organized in this town, twenty-seven being now enrolled. This order, Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. has bright prospects before them and may the recording secretary have the pleasure of enrolling his fiftieth member ere Xmas comes.

On Wednesday next, December 16th, Miss Almedia Holden of this town, and Mr. George Washington Moore of Chesapeake City, will be made man and wife at 2.30 o'clock P. M. A reception will follow the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs Moore will leave for Chesapeake City, where they will reside.

TOWNSEND

Mr. G. H. Wilson spent Sunday in Baltimore.

Mr. W. A. Scott spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Helen Weldon, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with friends in Townsend.

Miss Mary Garton, of Millington, is visiting her uncle, Mr. James Garton.

Mrs. Charles Larrimore, of Camden, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Samuel Watts.

Mrs. Daisy Collins is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Leech, in New Castle.

Mrs. Walter Pratt, of Clayton, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Emma Finley.

Mr. William Simpson, of Wilmington, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. V. Hayman.

Miss Lizzie Devenish, of near Smyrna, is spending sometime with Mrs. Harry Staats.

Miss Ada Daniels, of Wilmington, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Daniels.

Mrs. S. B. Hewitt and family have removed from our town to his farm near Golts, Md.

Mr. Levi Atwell has removed from Townsend to a farm of Mr. Daniel Corbit, near Odessa.

Mrs. L. B. Shockley and daughter, Naomi, have returned after a pleasant visit to Ellendale.

The cabinet of the Epworth League, Easton District met Wednesday in the Immanuel M. E. Church.

Mr. William Lee and wife visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynch, near Greenspring, Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Watts and little son Edgar, of Cecilton, have been visiting her father, Mr. L. B. Shockley.

Among those who were injured in the Greenwood explosion were Mr. James Hewes, wife and two children who were visiting friends in Greenwood at that time. Mrs. Hewes and one of the children were severely cut by flying glass, while he escaped with only a few bruises.

The revival services in the Townsend M. E. Church are still continuing. There have been some conversions, but unfavorable weather has interfered somewhat with their progress. Rev. Alonzo Davis, of Wilmington, preached Monday evening, and Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, of Still Pond, Md., brother of the pastor, on Tuesday evening.

Wilmington Conference Debt

The *Peninsula Methodist* says: "There is talk of calling together the commission appointed by the 1901 Wilmington Conference on conference debt. The purpose of this meeting would be to inquire into the present state of this matter in every charge and to urge the collections of all balances by conference. We think that such a meeting would be profitable."

ST. GEORGES

Miss Anna Stewart spent part of this week in Wilmington.

Rev. J. R. Milligan and wife spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Carey, of Wilmington, is the guest of John Gam and family.

Miss Sara Milligan, of Union, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. Miles Clark and son Ralph, spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

John Lester and family, of Montchanin, spent Sunday with relatives here.

E. W. Jester, of Wilmington, spent part of this week with friends here.

Clarence Craig, of Newport, visited his brother near town part of last week.

Robert Jester, of New York, has been visiting his family here for several days.

Mrs. William Todd, of Kirkwood, spent last week with her brother, Clark Thompson.

Mrs. W. K. Price and daughter, Miss Alida, were Wilmington visitors on Wednesday.

Mrs. George Vincent and daughter spent last week with friends at Corbit's Station.

Mrs. Clark Thompson has returned from a weeks visit with relatives in Wilmington.

The young people of the Presbyterian Church will give a drama during the Holidays.

Miss Ida Wright has been spending a couple of weeks with relatives near Summit Bridge.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson, of London Grove, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Hill.

James Cannon and family, of Bowersville, were guests of James Moore and wife on Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Wright.

Mrs. Charles Rommell and daughter, of Patterson, N. J., are spending several weeks at the manse.

Charles Stapleford and family, of State Road, were entertained by J. B. Nelson and wife on Sunday.

Miss Lucy Lester spent part of this week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, in Wilmington.

Thomas Lewis and wife, of Jester's Corner, paid a visit to her parents, James White and wife, on Sunday.

Miss Mary Roberts is in Middletown where she will remain for sometime with her sister, Mrs. William Edwards.

Mrs. W. T. Hoopes has been entertaining her friend, Miss Mary Turner, of Kennett Square, during the past week.

Mrs. E. E. Ecker and daughter, Miss Mida, left for Indianapolis on Wednesday where they will stay during the winter.

Forty horses arrived here from Connecticut last week and will be boarded at Maple Valley Stock Farm during the winter.

The K. G. M. Bible Readers will meet next week at the home of Mrs. George Hill with Mrs. M. J. Gray as leader. A cordial welcome to all interested.

The music committee of the Country Church Club are agitating the forming of an orchestra. All interested will please report to Mrs. Margaret Reybold, chairman.

Mrs. J. W. DeWitt and Miss Olivia Paynter attended the wedding of Mr. Henry Higgins and Miss Emily McIlvaine, which took place in St. Andrews Church, Wilmington, on Tuesday.

About thirty-five Odd Fellows' from Elkton, Md., visited National Lodge, No. 32, of this town, on Tuesday evening and conferred degrees on ten new members. They were accompanied by an orchestra and a fine vocal and instiumental programme was rendered, which was very much enjoyed by all present. A handsome collation, such as the members of National Lodge and their wives only know how to prepare, was served. The menu consisted of oysters in every style, poultry of all kinds, pickles, perserves, rolls, biscuit, coffee and cake. The visitors all expressed themselves as highly pleased with their visit to National Lodge and hope soon to come again.

ODESSA

Mrs. E. S. Stevens is visiting her son, Mrs. A. D. Stevens, in New York City.

Mrs. J. J. Humes, of Palmyra, N. J., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. F. Reynolds.

All members of Washington Camp No. 11, P. O. S. of A., are requested to be present at the general election next Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th.

At a recent meeting of the M. E. Sunday School Association it was decided to hold their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday, December 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corbit and Mr. Alexander Corbit attended the McIlvaine-Higgins wedding in Wilmington on Tuesday.

CECILTON

James H. Smith spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Charles Jester is spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Albert Watts spent Sunday last with relatives and friends in Townsend.

Miss Forsythe, of near Earleville, was the guest of Mrs. Anna Jamison this week.

Ralph and Morgan Pearce, of Elkton, spent part of this week with James A. Watts.

Henry Minner, of Kennedyville, has been spending the past week with friends in town.

Rev. W. A. Dawson and wife were entertained by Frank Biggs and wife on Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson entertained one of her little friends from Middle Neck recently.

Miss Blanche VanBuskirk, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Miss Edith Alderson.

Quite a number from here attended the festival at Cayots school house on Tuesday evening.

J. E. Ferguson, of Chestertown, spent one day this week with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Miss Hessie Ferguson and friend, Mr. Jones, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Miss Dessie Boulden and brother Thomas, spent a few days with their cousin, Bert Manlove, of the Manor.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN.
Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1903.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders for the election of Nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.
JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—ELECTION!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN.
Middletown, Del., Dec. 8th, 1903.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing term, will be held at the Banking House on SATURDAY, January 9th, 1904, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock noon.
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A partial list of what we have of useful things for men and boys suitable for Xmas gifts. Look it over.

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Overcoats, $5 to $20.
Reefers, $3.50 to $6.
Trousers, 75c to $5.
Rain Coats, $5 to $13.
Mackintoshes, $3 to $5.
Rubber Coats, $2 to $3.50.
Leather Coats $6.
Hats, 50c to $3.
Caps, 10c to $1.50.
Shoes, all styles $2.60.
Gloves, 25c to $1.20.
Knit Jackets, $1 to $3.
Stockinet Coats, $2.20 to $4.
Sweaters, 50c to $2.50.
Underwear, 50c to $3 suit.
Hoisery, 10c to 50c.
Handkerchiefs, 5c to 50c.
Neckwear, 10c to 50c.
Suspenders, 10c to $1.
Mufflers, 50c to $2.
Fancy Vests, $1.50 to $3.
White Vests, $1 to $2.50.
Dress Shirts, 50c to $2.
Garters, 10c to 75c.
Dress Suit Cases, $1 to $5.
Umbrellas, 50c to $5.
Ingersol Watches, $1 to $1.50.
Watch Fobs, 50c to $1.50.
Cuff Links 25c and 50c.
Scarf Pins, 25c to $1.
Pocketbooks, 10c to $2.

For Boys.
Overcoats, $2 to $8.
Reefers, $2 to $5.
Suits, $1.50 to $6.
Trousers, 25c to $1.
Mackintoshes, $1.50 to $5.
Rubber Coats, $2.
Hats, 50c to $1.
Caps, 10c to 50c.
Gloves, 25c to 50c.
Sweaters, 50c to $1.
Underwear, 25c each.
Shirts, 25c to 50c.
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Neckwear, 10c to 50c.
Suspenders, 10c to 26c.
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Mrs. William Taylor,
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. . GLADYS THE HEIRESS . .

BY VILOT WHYTE

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

Then a ray of sunlight crept into his heart, as it occurred to him that this very engagement would relieve him of all his vexations and troubles—that the best way would be to treat it all as a joke. Well, that was a comfort certainly; and yet what an utter fool she had made of him!

Still he slipped out of the difficulty more gracefully than at one time had seemed possible. He seized an opportunity when Sweetwilliam was, for a moment, absent from Chrystal's side, and went quietly to the couch and seated himself beside her.

Look here, Chrystal, he said coolly, and in the most matter-of-fact tone he could assume, if you'll throw Sweetwilliam over, I'll give Gladys up.

Oh, but I won't! she responded.

I didn't suppose you would, Gerard laughed; but I thought it only polite to ask you.

Ah, I told you Gladys would be in the ascendency before very long! Chrystal said teasingly. In fact, I don't believe she was ever anything else!

No; I don't believe she was, he admitted.

CHAPTER IX

Yet, notwithstanding that the Coley-Fane flirtation was cleared up in a manner so highly satisfactory, the path of Gerard's life did not give any promise of becoming smoother. In truth it grew rougher every day—rougher and more impracticable.

When any one was within hearing Gladys was so nice, so pleasant, and so friendly, that he began to think her anger was melting. Yet always, as soon as they were left alone, the mask of frigidity he had learned to dread so much was resumed, and he felt he was as far from winning back his old place in her heart as he had ever been.

As the weeks wore on, and the Christmas and New Year's festivities passed over, Gerard's feelings grew more and more unhappy and strange. He felt like a man in a dream; and everything seemed so unreal and so improbable.

On Christmas and New Year's mornings he had found on his plate, when he came down to breakfast, valuable gifts from Gladys—on the former morning a pearl and diamond pin, and on the latter a set of studs and sleeve-links to match.

Poor Gerard! He had impulsively gone round the table to thank her; she looked so smiling and pleasant. But, although she certainly put her fingers into his, they might have been those of a dead woman for all the pressure they gave.

And so his dreamlike, unreal, false life went on until the marriage day was close at hand. He did not stay the whole time at Hawthorndean. He had been several times in town, as indeed had Gladys; and there had been long consultations with the family lawyer, long mornings when Gerard had waited patiently in the great West End shops while Gladys and Mrs. McDonald spent almost a fortune on bridal finery, and very often whole days during which he never saw them at all. But he always noticed those same evenings that Gladys looked especially tired, and, on inquiry, he found she had been in the merciless hands of dressmakers.

At length the three months of their engagement were ended, and the last day had come. Hawthorndean was filled with guests from attic to cellar—literally to cellar; for there were not enough bedrooms for the visitors' servants, and two of the maids had turned out of theirs, and made for themselves a very comfortable sleeping apartment in the driest and warmest of the wine cellars; not however without a great amount of scolding from Gladys, and a very much greater amount of persuasion and many promises to be "very careful" to the butler.

I consider it extremely foolish! Miss Hawthorndean said, after a reluctant consent had been won from her. You know very well that they will take you in with pleasure at the Vicarage!

Yes; but, Miss Gladys, one of the twain replied, we don't have a wedding every day; and, if we go to sleep at the Vicarage, we shall have to leave the party ever so much earlier than if we sleep at home.

Very well—do as you like, Gladys answered, with a laugh; only, if one or both of you should happen to have rheumatic fever, remember that I have had nothing to do with it.

Rheumatic fever! the two girls cried in a breath, and with the contempt youth has for bodily ailments of any kind.

How fond they are of you! said Gerard wistfully, when the maids had departed.

Yes, returned Gladys briefly.

It's wonderful how the people about the place worship you, he continued.

Oh, very nice! laughed Gladys sarcastically.

I am sure it is nice when every one about you loves you, and shows it, he maintained stoutly, intending the next moment to make a last effort to gain his old place in her heart.

Her next remark unfortunately checked his well-meant intention on the spot, for she observed quietly—

Very nice indeed—until you find them out! And before he could reply she had slipped away.

Gerard sat down on the nearest chair, feeling that his last hope had passed from him. He had constantly nourished and cherished the tiny flower of hope; but it was dead at last, he told himself.

He would never win her back, never see the dear violet eyes brighten for him as they had brightened once.

It was of no use hoping and wishing and striving and fretting any longer. He had tried his best; and Gladys would not do anything on her side to meet him. He did not wish—did not expect her to meet him half way. If she would only have remained still, he could in time have got up to her. But even that much she would not do. No; as fast as he advanced, just as rapidly did she recede.

It seemed as if she could not remember how dearly and deeply he had loved her, and how hard he had tried to make amends—entirely ignoring the Chrystal Coley episode. Nor could she forgot how he had just once wronged her—wronged her and sacrificed himself—all for her good, for her worldly welfare as well as his. She had apparently forgotten all his love, and only bore in mind that he had left her in her poverty for her richer rival, whom he had never seen. If only she would follow the words of that song she used to sing—she never sang it now—

"Ah, folly to remember,
'Twere wisdom to forget!

But Gladys remembered and forgot in an exactly opposite way to that which Gerard wished.

On that last evening there were no guests at dinner, except the Vicarage people; for the night was to be devoted to a ball for the servants. On the following evening there was to be a grand ball for the country folk; and the rejoicings on the estate were to be held when the bride and bridegroom had returned from their honeymoon—Gladys carefully spoke of it as their "wedding tour."

The dinner was not of very long duration; for the dancing was to begin at eight o'clock, and all declared they must have half an hour's rest between the ending of the one and the beginning of the other. The gentlemen left the table with the ladies.

Gerard, as soon as they reached the drawingroom, followed Gladys to her accustomed seat.

Gladys! he said.

She turned round at once.

Yes?

Am I to dance with any one in particular to-night?

You ought to open the ball with Mrs. Hunt, she answered, and I with Robert, of course.

Robert was the solemn-faced butler.

Then perhaps, Gladys, you will dance the second with me? he asked humbly.

Oh, yes—if you like! It is a waltz, I believe, she said promptly.

Thanks.

He stayed where he was, leaning between her chair and the chimney shelf; but neither of them spoke.

Until that very day, the kind tone in which she said, Oh, yes—if you like! and the furthur information that the dance in question was a waltz, would have been sufficient for the "tender leaves of hope" to put forth blossom; but now he had passed beyond that. "The killing frost" of Gladys's coldness had nipped the root, and his hope was dead.

Gerard's thoughts were interrupted by a movement from Gladys, who arose.

Are you going? he asked.

Only upstairs, she answered—gloves and bracelets and so on, you know.

He caught his breath in a kind of sob—so like the old Gladys was she just then.

He noticed as she crossed the large room that she had no ornaments of any kind. He thought he liked her better without; yet, when she returned, wearing those he had first given her—tiger's claws set in dull Indian gold—he felt he had never seen her look so lovely before.

And then they went in great state to the ballroom, where Gladys was immediately approached and led to her place by the solemn butler, who treated the whole proceeding with a solemnity impossible to break through or thaw in any way. Gerard followed suit with the housekeeper a good tempered, portly woman, who persisted in calling him "Master Gerard," and panted audibly in the more energetic portions of the quadrille. At last the dance was over, and Gerard was free to claim that which Gladys had promised him.

I have never danced with you before, he said, as they stood waiting for the music to begin.

No; I hope you dance well, she answered. Ah, there is the music!

He had no fear as to the style of his dancing, and Gladys's was perfect.

If she was cold at ordinary times and kept him literally at arm's length, she certainly did not spoil their dance by her coldness or her stiffness.

He could feel the clasp of her left hand upon his shoulder, and, instead of giving him two fingers of the other, she had laid her whole hand in his; and the touch sent a thrill through him.

He was wishing that the dance would last for ever, when Gladys stopped with a jerk.

Oh, why do you stop? he asked reproachfully.

Are you always like that when you waltz? she said sharply.

Like what?

She laid her hand for an instant upon his heart.

I have never heard anything like it, she said, in an awe-struck tone.

Oh, that!—laughing a little. Yes; I dare say it will finish me one of these days. You'll be waking up and finding yourself a widow one fine morning. Now shall we go on?

Certainly not. I would not dance with you again on any consideration, she said decidedly.

She walked away through the drawingroom to the conservatory as she spoke, and Gerard followed her.

You don't mean that surely? he said. I was enjoying our waltz so much. Come back and finish it.

And finish it! she repeated. And perhaps finish you too.

I'll risk that, he laughed.

But I will not, she answered so resolutely that Gerard laughed outright.

Then I must go and find some one else who won't have so many scruples.

You are not to do it—I forbid you to do it—imperatively.

Why, Gladys, he said teasingly, if you make such a fuss over me, I shall begin to think you really do care for me after all..

He half expected to see the usual coldness creep over her face, and to hear the usual comment of biting sarcasm; but neither came.

On the contrary, Gladys slipped her hand into his and raised her face coaxingly.

You won't dance again, Gerard? she said persuasively.

Gerard looked at her fondly, then clasped her in his arms, and pressed a warm loving kiss on her lips.

Never again, if my darling does not wish it, he answered.

THE END.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, December 7th, 1903.

THE Panama canal treaty, ratified unanimously and without amendment by the Junta and the ministry, has been officially delivered to United States Consul General Gudger. He will forward it to Washington, probably in an American warship, and President Roosevelt will lose no time in sending it to the Senate. It is expected here in about ten days, so the Senate will be able to consider it immediately after a vote is taken on the Cuban bill. Senator Cullom, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations expect opposition to the treaty, but he feels certain that it will be ratified by the required two-thirds majority. Its provisions are so advantageous to the United States and the sentiment throughout the country is so strong for a canal, that few of the Democratic Senators will care to delay its ratification.

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General Rayes, the Columbian commissioner, and Dr. Herran, the charged affairs took luncheon with Secretary Hay, and discussed affairs in Columbia and on the Isthmus. General Reyes outlined in general the position of his government, but as he is waiting for explicit instructions, he can not submit any definite propoeals. It is thought that he will be permitted to recognize the definite separation of Columbia and Panama and negotiate for some kind of compensation for Columbia. This is of course the only way in which he can accomplish anything by his mission. Panama is now an independent state and the day that the present treaty is ratified by the Senate, this government guarantees this independence, even against Columbia.

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Senator Foraker, who is chairman of the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico and one of the firmest supporters of President Roosevelt, declares that he does not intend to abandon the Lodge bill reducing the tariff on imports from the Philippines. This bill is favored by many Republicans who do not wish to start a tariff discussion before the presidential election. Senator Foraker says, "Why should the Republican party be afraid to discuss the tariff at any time? If there is any policy of legislation with which the Republican party is identified, and indentified, too, to the satisfaction of the American people, if election returns can be taken as an indication, it is the tariff. "Let them talk tariff if they want to. What have we to be concerned about? We admit that some schedules in the Dingley tariff act, gramed in 1897, may not be altogether satisfactory for the conditions of 1904; but we shall use our own discretion as to the time and method of changing them, and take the responsibility before the country for preventing the unsettling of industrial and trade conditions. "I believe there ought to be free trade with the Philippines as there is with Porto Rico. I believe the Senate will at least pass a bill reducing the rate of tariff on the products of the Philippine Islands entertaining this country." He adds his belief that such a bill will be passed this winter. Although Senator Foraker's proposition has not yet been much discussed, it is regarded as the statement of one high in party councils, and makes it probable that the Philippine tariff will be the subject of much debate during the winter.

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Southern Representation in the Republican national convention will be decreased if the plan submitted by Gen. Charles R. Brayton is adopted by the party. General Brayton is a member of the Republican national committee from Rhode Island and party leader in the state. He has sent a letter to each member of the committee outlining his plan, accompanied by a resolution which he will present to that body at its meeting here December 11th. The resolution provides that each State and Territory and the District of Columbia be entitled to four delegates-at-large and one for each 10,000 voters casting their ballots for the Republican elector in the preceeding Presidential election. "The resolution" says Gen. Brayton, "will so provide that the representation of each state in a national convention will become a matter of healthy rivalry, and every section of the country will share in controlling the affairs of the party in retable proportion to the whole party strength with perfect and complete fairness."

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The confirmation of Leonard Wood as major general is regarded as assured by trustworthy authorities in the Senate, notwithstanding the numerous sensation but erroneous stories to the contrary which have been furnished to the press by interested persons, enemies of Wood and of the administration. Prominent members of the Senate, both Republican and Democratic, have come to a realization of the fact that the time for the Senate to have objected to Wood's promotion over senior officers was when that promotion was given in other words, when President McKinley made Wood a brigadier general. In the present instance, President Roosevelt found Wood at the head of the list of brigadiers generals and merely gave him the promotion to which his position entitled him, making him a major general when a vacancy in that rank occurred. An important feature which has come out in the investigation is that Wood requested of the War Department that a court of inquiry be appointed to examine into the conduct and that Secretary Root, after examining into all the circumstances, decided that the charges were not of sufficient weight or sufficiently sustained to warrent such an inquiry. A careful canvas of the Committee on Military Affairs shows that there are not likely to be more than two votes against a favorable report on Wood's promotion. One of these comes from Senator Scott of West Virginia, whose objections to Wood have long antedated the present hearing; and the other from Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, who will probably vote "Nay" for partisan reasons. The Senate may be relied upon to act in accordance with the report of its committee, which include some of the most trusted members of the upper chamber.

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DELAWARE SONS ANNUAL DINNER

The Sons of Delaware, in Philadelphia, Monday evening, gave their twelfth annual dinner at the Hotel Walton, and it was attended by nearly two hundred members and invited guests. The menu offered was of a most tempting quality and it included Broadkyln green turtle soup (clear), filet of Henlopen sea bass, Sussex tenderloin of beef, old Kent sweetbread, Delaware quail and Diamond State ices, with many other features not identified with this state.

It was a fraternal gathering on the top floor of the hotel and there was a period of social chat prior to the dinner. Bishop Coleman offered grace and then the guests set about to dispose of the menu in regular form. At the end of this part of the evening's pleasure Dr. Thomas Stellwagon, toastmaster, introduced Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia who, in a few happy remarks, extended the hand of welcome. Then Dr. George Edward Reed, of Dickerson College, made a semi-humorous address with a strong plea for more interest in matters political, calling attention to the lurking dangers of the day and the falsity of the happy belief that the casting of ballots by the individual was typical of self-government. He contended that this was a mistaken notion. Incidentally he paid a high tribute to the Hon. George Gray, and remarked that while he was a Republican he would speak as a Democrat, holding that Judge Gray would be an ideal candidate for the Democrats to nominate for President, yet to be defeated by President Roosevelt.

William T. Smithers, in his happy and characteristic fashion, spoke briefly on the toast "The Women of Delaware," and George B. Hynson of Wilmington, read three of his delightful bits of verse, in a most effective way. He was followed by William S. Hilles, who spoke on "Fraternity, Our National Characteristic," and dwelt upon the American idea of an equal chance for every man. He said that the conflict between capital and labor was deplorable and that it was a menace, yet he believed that the differences were being settled in the right way, and he hoped that no effort would be made to draw a line as between any two classes of the people of the country. His remarks were strong and were loudly applauded.

Set speeches being concluded, the Hon. L. Irving Handy was called upon for a few remarks. He spoke, of course, in his usual happy way, but made a marked hit when he declared—as if echoing the sentiment of Dr. Reed—that it was time for the silver and gold Democrats to bury their differences and unite upon the Hon. George Gray as the Democratic candidate for President.

PENNYPACKER VISITS DELAWARE

DOVER, DEL., Dec. 4th.—Not every man in Delaware or in this part of the United States will get a farm for a Christmas gift, but one man is authority for the statement that he has been put into possession of such a gift. The man is Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania and he arrived here this afternoon from Harrisburg and drove out to the splendid Joseph R. Whitaker farm to view his possession and undoubtedly to eat a genuine Delaware country dinner.

Either the expectation of seeing the farm or the dinner put the governor in the very best of spirits. He looked extremely happy and as though he was enjoying the best of health as he stepped from the Norfolk southbound train this afternoon at 1 o'clock and started slowly up Loockerman street. His felt hat was pressed down over his forehead as though he desired to throw aside all official dignity and become one of the crowd of shoppers that pressed up Loockerman street, looking at the Christmas displays in the store windows.

The governor seemed surprised when recognized by a newspaper man who offered to do him any service while at the capital.

"Can you say anything to me concerning your visit?" the correspondent asked.

"Why, yes, I'm glad to be here; how are you!"

"Are you here concerning any matters of state?"

"Well, to tell the truth, I'm farming to day. Nice day for it, don't you think?" and the governor pointed to the overworked horses ploughing through the deep snow, and he laughed aloud.

"Is it true that you will fall heir to the property of Joseph R. Whitaker, late of Dover?"

"Not exactly, only in a measure. You see the late Mr. Whitaker was my uncle and he was very good to me and we get a fine farm just outside your town. I'm going out now to see what it looks like. You see, I've been in the Delaware capital before? and with this the governor wheeled around and approached a carriage that was waiting for him at the Bayard House, in charge of a farmer.

The farm which Pennsylvania's governor will inherit is situated just northeast of Dover and is considered one of the most desirable in this section of Delaware. Joseph R. Whitaker's estate has been in the course of settlement for some time in this county, and it is understood an equitable division of his estate of over $100,000 has been reached in accordance with the will.

While here, Governor Pennypacker manifested much concern as to the welfare of the stricken town of Greenwood, wrecked on Wednesday by the explosion of dynamite and naptha being carried through town on the Pennsylvania railroad. He inquired as to the number of persons actually driven from their homes in this winter weather, and asked what arrangements were being made for their future comfort.—*Morning News.*

Rural Collectors' Report

The rural tax collectors have made the following returns to Receiver of Taxes Rettew for the month of November: Deighton, Mill Creek hundred, $110; Swain, Red Lion, $409.77; Casey, Brandywine, $571.60; Appleby, White Clay Creek, $585.64; Staats, Blackbird, $589.74; Moore, Appoquinimink, $831.87; Pharos, St. Georges, $752.10; Hurn, St. Georges, $132.94; Fanning, Christiana, $2,052.56; Walton, Pencader, $813.00; McVaugh, Mill Creek, $2,739.35; Rettew, Wilmington, $7,151.

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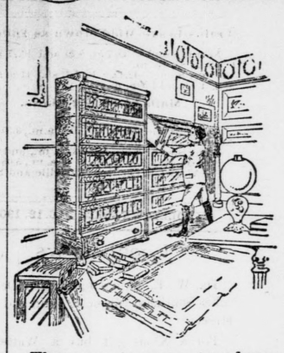

The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detache the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.
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